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TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, DAVID), SY

SUBJECT: VISIT OF DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO DAMASCUS

REF: DAMASCUS 51

1. REED INFORMED OF CONTENTS REFTEL. HE THINKS PROPOSED PROGRAM IS FINE AND GREATLY APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S EFFORTS. HE DID HAVE SOME COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE.

2. RE PARA 3, REFTEL, REED EXPECTS PARTY TO ARRIVE DAMASCUS FROM RIYADH JAN. 27 AT 0905 LOCAL. HE CONCURS WITH STAG LUNCHEON PARTICIPANTS BUT HOPES THERE MIGHT BE TIME FOR PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS. REQUESTS NAZIR OMARY BE INVITED TO ALL SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. HE ALSO HOPED THAT ROCKEFELLER WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AND PLANNING MINISTER. ROCKEFELLER ALSO WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH PRES. ASAD. ROCKEFELLER PEOPLE HAVE REQUESTED THROUGH SYRIAN UN MISSION MEETING WITH ASAD AND WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FOLLOW UP OF REQUEST.

3. REED CONCURS IN THE 1630-1830 LOCAL SCHEDULE FOR SIGHTSEEING ON 27TH. HE ALSO THINKS PROPOSED TRIP WITHIN COUNTRY ON JAN. 28 IS FINE. ASKS THAT EMBASSY REQUEST ANY IN-COUNTRY FLIGHT CLEARANCES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. REED

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SAYS 1145 DEPARTURE FROM DAMASCUS WILL BE FINE.

4. RE PARA 4 REFTEL, ROCKEFELLER PARTY GREATLY APPRECIATES AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO STAY AT RESIDENCE BUT DECLINES ON GROUNDS THAT PARTY WANTS TO KEEP ENTIRE TEAM TOGETHER RATHER THAN SPLIT THEM BETWEEN HOTEL AND RESIDENCE. KISSINGER

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